

has observed that the growth rate of seven per cent set in the 9th plan is not realistic;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). A news item appearing in 'The Times of India', New Delhi dated 2nd December, 1996 has reported the views of Dr. Raja J. Chelliah as: Seven per cent growth rate during the Ninth Plan is ambitious. It also states that to be more realistic we have to peg the growth rate at 6 per cent for the Ninth Plan and this would be ideal and pragmatic growth for India.

(c) The Planning Commission has considered the feasibility of alternative growth rates in the Approach Paper to the Ninth Plan.

Unauthorised Construction

3919. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has asked the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi to appoint a committee to ascertain the names of officers responsible for the unauthorised floors that were built in the White House and to bring them to book;

(b) if so, whether the NDMC has implemented the directions of the Hon'ble Court and brought the guilty officials of the New Delhi Municipal Council to book; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c). NDMC has reported that in the case of Manju Bhatia and Sanjay Bhatia in LPA.No. 185/96 the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi vide order dated 6.9.96 has requested the Lt. Governor to appoint a Committee comprising Senior Officers other than NDMC Officers to ascertain and fix responsibility of the concerned officers/personnel of the NDMC who either by dereliction of their duties or in collusion with the builder permitted construction of additional floor between December, 1988 and January, 1990 despite the rejection of Building Plans thereof in the building situated at 10, Bhagwan Dass Road, New Delhi. As per the directions of the High Court, Lt. Governor has appointed a Committee headed by Shri S.C. Vajpayee, a retired IAS Officer of the UT Cadre to bring the guilty officers of the NDMC to book.

Private Sector in NCR Board

3920. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Capital Regional Planning

Board has invited the private sector to participate in implementing its Integrated Infrastructural Development Plan;

(b) if so, whether according to NCRPB, the Government would require about Rs. 59,000 crores to upgrade the existing infrastructure of the NCR areas

(c) if so, whether the private sector has agreed to invest in this sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (d). A sub-group under the Working Group on Urban Development constituted by the Planning Commission has estimated that the overall investment requirements for the NCR upto 2005 AD would be about Rs. 59,000 crores of which investments to the tune of Rs. 38,000 crores (over 60%) would have to be borne by the private sector whereas Rs. 21,000 crores would have to be invested by the public sector agencies of the Central and State Governments. The sub-group has also estimated that during the Ninth Plan, the total investment requirements would be Rs. 26,000 crores.

The proposed investments by the private sector would be primarily for the development of townships and related housing and economic infrastructure of industries, trade and commerce etc. for providing job opportunities for the population to be settled in these townships.

The NCR Planning Board has been regularly leasing with the apex bodies of the private sector such as the Chambers of Commerce, Builders' Associations etc. in an effort to evolve appropriate steps to facilitate their active participation in the development programmes in the NCR.

The investment exercise by the Sub-Group is, for the present, only a preliminary step to the overall economic planning exercise for various sectors of the economy, to be finally considered by the Planning Commission for the Ninth Plan; and therefore, no financial allocations have been firmed up yet for the NCR.

Solar Energy

3921. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cost of accessories for rural electrification from Solar Energy has increased during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their present cost;

(c) whether the Government propose to review the price fixation policy;

- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
(e) If not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). Rural electrification by solar energy is done through the deployment of Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) systems as Home Lighting Systems, Village Street Lights and Solar Lanterns. The Home Lighting Systems and Street Lights consist of SPV modules and other components such as batteries, structures, cables, etc. The price of SPV modules has generally declined over the last few years from Rs. 225 per watt peak in 1992 to Rs. 165 per watt peak in 1995. However, the costs of the other components of SPV systems have some-what increased during this period. Therefore, on the whole, there has not been a significant change in the price of complete SPV systems during the last few years. However, the prices of Solar Lanterns have declined from Rs. 5,000/- in 1992 to around Rs. 4,000/- in 1995.

The present cost of SPV modules is in the range of Rs. 180 - 200 per watt peak. The costs of SPV Lantern, Home Lighting System and Street Lighting System are in the range of Rs. 3,800 to 4,300, 11,000 to 12,000 and Rs. 22,000 respectively. The cost of a village level SPV power plant varies from Rs. 3.5 to 4 lakhs per kilowatt peak.

(c) and (d). The Government does not fix the price of SPV systems/power plants. These are procured by the programme implementing agencies through competitive bidding processes.

- (e) Does not arise.

Ban on Commercial Activity

3922. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are not takers of DDA's commercial properties;
(b) if so, the fact thereof;
(c) the number of properties out of these taken possession of; and
(d) the measures taken to implement the ruling of the Supreme Court to ban commercial activity in residential colonies/houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.

(c) The DDA has reported that during the period from 1.1.95 to 31.11.96, 1428 built up commercial properties have been disposed of. Out of these, 1221

allottees/purchasers have taken possession after completing the required formalities.

(d) The judgement of the Supreme Court relates only to the industrial activity in residential areas. However, wherever any misuse is noticed in residential properties appropriate action under section 14 of DD Act is initiated against the allottee/misuser.

[Translation]

Allotment of Government Accommodation

3923. SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Government accommodation allotted to social workers, journalists leaders or workers of political parties and offices during Mulayam Singh regime in Uttar Pradesh and the market price of these accommodation;

(b) whether the Government propose to cancel such allotments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

FPI in Karnataka

3924. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have submitted any proposals to the Union Government for setting up of Food Processing Industries during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared and the number of food processing industries likely to be set up in the State during 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) and (b). The Ministry does not set up any food processing industries directly in any State. However, since liberalisation, most of the food processing industries are delicensed and in such cases, the entrepreneur is required to file only an Industrial Entrepreneur Memorandum.

As per information available, since liberalisation, till October, 1996, 89 such IEMs have been filed for setting up food processing industries in Karnataka